



Visa & Resident Permit in China

Foreign citizen works in China become very common nowadays. A Foreign invested company (WFOE, Joint Venture, Partnership Enterprise) or Foreign Representative office are eligible to hire foreign staff as long as the staff meets some of the requirements. You may check the below brief introduction for visa and resident permit.

TOURIST VISA (L)

Issued to those who intend to go to China as a tourist.

COMMERCE & TRADE VISA (M)

Issued to those who intend to go to China for commercial and trade activities.

FAMILY VISA (Q)

Q1 -

Issued to those who are family members of Chinese citizens or of foreigners with Chinese permanent residence and intend to go to China for family reunion, or to those who intend to go to China for the purpose of foster care. The intended duration of stay in China exceeds 180 days.

"Family members" refers to spouses, parents, sons, daughters, spouses of sons or daughters, brothers, sisters, grandparents, grandsons, granddaughters and parents-in-law.

We kindly remind you that:

Holders of Q1 Visa shall, within 30 days from the date of their entry, apply to the exit/entry administrations of public security organs under local people's governments at or above the county level in the proposed places of residence for foreigners' residence permits.

Q2 -

Issued to those who intend to visit their relatives who are Chinese citizens residing in China or foreigners with permanent residence in China. The intended duration of stay in China is no more than 180 days.

TALENT VISA (R)

Issued to those who are high-level talents or whose skills are urgently needed in China.

PRIVATE VISIT VISA (S)

S1 -

Issued to those who intend to go to China to visit the foreigners working or studying in China to whom they are spouses, parents, sons or daughters under the age of 18 or parents-in-law, or to those who intend to go to China for other private affairs. The intended duration of stay in China exceeds 180 days.

We kindly remind you that:

Holders of S1 Visa shall, within 30 days from the date of their entry, apply to the exit/entry administrations of public security organs under local people's governments at or above the county level in the proposed places of residence for foreigners' residence permits.



S2 -

Issued to those who intend to visit their family members who are foreigners working or studying in China, or to those who intend to go to China for other private matters. The intended duration of stay in China is no more than 180 days.

"Family members" refers to spouses, parents, sons, daughters, spouses of sons or daughters, brothers, sisters, grandparents, grandsons, granddaughters and parents-in-law.

EMPLOYMENT VISA (Z)

Issued to those who intend to work in China.

We kindly remind you that:

Holders of Z Visa shall, within 30 days from the date of their entry, apply to the exit/entry administrations of public security organs under local people's governments at or above the county level in the proposed places of residence for foreigners' residence permits.

Work Class Residence Certificate

I. Qualifications:

Foreigner, under any of the following circumstances, can apply for the residence permit:

1. Taking office or being employed in Shanghai;
2. Engaged in commercialized theatrical performance in Shanghai.

II. Formalities:

1. Handing over the originals of valid passport and visa for examination;
2. The original and the copy of the Registration Form of Temporary Residence for Visitors (issued by local hotel or local police station of accommodation place);
3. Submitting Foreigners Visa Certificate Application Form completely filled up and one recent 2-inch half-length, bareheaded and full-faced photograph;
4. Submitting the Health Certificate issued by Shanghai entry-exit inspection and quarantine department (except person aged under 18 or above 70 years old)
5. Submitting the Application Letter issued by employer of applicant;
6. Submitting the original and Copy of Business License (or Representative Agency Registration Certificate), the Organization Code Certificate and the Approval Certificate (except domestic enterprise)
7. Submitting the original of Employment Permit and Employment Registration Form(except person holding Shanghai Residence Card B(L type));vice president should submit the original of Identity Confirmation Certificate issued by Shanghai Foreign Investment Association; foreign expert should submit the original of Expert Certificate; person engaged in commercialized theatrical performance needs to submit the originals of official document approving the performance by the Ministry of Cultural or Shanghai Cultural Bureau and the Performance Certificate issued by Shanghai Cultural Bureau; person engaged in offshore petroleum operations should submit the Work Permit for Foreign Personnel Engaged in the Offshore Petroleum Operations

Private Affairs Class Residence Certificate (for Family Visit/Private Affairs)



I. Qualifications:

1. Spouse, parents, parents of spouse and child under the age of 18 of foreigner holding Shanghai residence certificate to be visited upon their entering China by holding Visa S1.
2. Foreigner entering China by holding Visa S1 for private affairs.

II. Formalities:

1. Handing over the originals of the valid passport and visa for examination;
2. Submitting the original and the copy of the Registration Form of Temporary Residence for Visitors (issued by the hotel or the police substation of the area where the lodging takes place);
3. Submitting the Foreigner Visa and Residence Permit Application Form completely filled up and one recent 2-inch half-length, bareheaded and full-faced photograph;
4. Submitting the Health Certificate issued by Shanghai entry-exit inspection and quarantine department (applicant under the age of 18 or above the age of 70 can be exempted);
5. The original and copy of valid passport and residence certificate of the foreign to be visited.
6. Submitting written statement of family relation;
7. Submitting the certificates conforming to the origin of application:
 - (1).To visit the aliens holding the Work Class Residence Certificate of this city, Submitting the official letter of application of the unit; the original and the copy of the Certificate of Approval of Enterprise, the Business License or the Representative Agency Registration Certificate and the organization code;
 - (2).To visit the aliens holding the Private Affairs Class Residence Certificate (for House Property).of this city, Submitting the copy of the certificate of house property;
 - (3).To visit the aliens holding the Student Class Residence Certificate of this city, Submitting the original of Letter of Application for School;
 - (4).Submitting certificates conforming to the origin of application if applicant enters China for private affairs.

Note:

1. Applicant entering China to visit relative without Visa S1 must submit kinship certificate;
2. If the credential for family relationship mentioned above is issued by institution abroad, it must be authenticated by our consulate or embassy stationed abroad and translated into Chinese by domestic translation organization.
3. For the first application, applicant above 16 and under 60 must go through the formalities by him/herself; for reapplication, applicant can authorize the unit he/she is working for or relative on his/her behalf to go through required formalities by relevant certificate(s), while he/she can also make appointment for application via Online Platform for Government Affairs of Exit-Entry Administration Bureau of Shanghai Public Security Bureau at <http://crj.police.sh.cn>;and those who extend the Residence Permit within 3 months as of its expiration, can be exempted from submitting the Health Certificate.
4. If exit-entry administrative organization under public security organ, as it considers necessary, requires to interview the applicant or to demand the applicant to submit other supplementary materials (such as fingerprint collection information, relevant guarantee certificate, and etc.), however, the applicant fails to undergo the interview or submit the materials at/during the appointed time/period, the application will be deemed as cancelled, unless force majeure.